Rochester would become home to the world's fastest computer named "Blue Gene" that would be able to perform 18.2 trillion operations per second. They probably could not have dreamed that 50 years later IBM would become Minnesota's largest information firm, with 5,600 employees in the Rochester and Twin Cities areas. And they probably could not have imagined that the plant they were planning would account for 15 percent of Minnesota's high-tech manufactured exports, in a State that continues to lead the field in technology.

IBM has spent 50 years growing into a world wide corporation which contributes to our economy at an astounding level. In 2005, IBM earned more U.S. patents than any other company for the 13th consecutive year, with 2,941 in 2005. IBM ensures that our Nation stays competitive in the global economy. Rochester has helped lead that wave of innovation.

IBM and its employees and retirees have also been generous supporters of education and nonprofit organizations. Through cash and technology grants of \$3.4 million and more than 185,000 hours of volunteerism in 2005 alone, they have been a great benefit to Minnesota's communities and schools.

With the people of Minnesota, I ask this Chamber to join in celebrating IBM's 50th year of operation in Rochester, MN.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO SISTER CITIES

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the cities of Saginaw, MI, and Tokushima, Japan, on the 45th anniversary of their sister city partnership. This is a significant milestone, and I am delighted to recognize these two cities for their many years of dialog and exchange.

In 1961, Saginaw and Tokushima established a relationship that sought to promote cultural awareness between the cities. Since that time, there has been significant interaction between the two cities, including student groups and other delegations traveling between the cities for cultural, educational and other purposes, as well as the exchange of gifts.

In 1971, the Tokushima-Saginaw Friendship Garden was built in Saginaw, and the land adjacent to the garden was subsequently deeded to the city of Tokushima. In 1985, a tea house was also built in Saginaw. Contractors and laborers from both cities were instrumental in its construction of the tea house and the labor costs were equally borne by both Saginaw and Tokushima. Upon its completion, the tea house became one of only 11 in the United States, and the only authentic tea house in the Midwest.

Promoting dialog and interaction between cities in the United States and other countries is a great way for communities to learn, understand and relate to other cultures. Through their Sister City Partnership, residents and officials of the cities of Saginaw and Tokushima now have a deeper and more personal appreciation for the traditions of both the United States and Japan. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Saginaw and Tokushima on the 45 years of cultural exchange, and I wish them the best as this relationship continues to develop further.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4411. An act to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 86. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 40. A resolution authorizing the printing and binding of a supplement to, and revised edition of, Senate Procedure.

The message further announced that the bill from the Senate (S. 655) to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention passed with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3637. A bill to require the submittal to Congress of any Presidential Daily Briefing relating to Iraq during the period beginning on January 20, 1997, and ending on March 19, 2003.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4411. An act to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7458. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Administration's intent to award a contract to McNeil Security, Inc. for screening services at Greater Rochester International Airport in Rochester, New York; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7499. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Legislative Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's category rating system annual report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7460. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, (5) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7461. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Unilateral Chemical/Biological (CB) Controls on Certain Biological Agents and Toxins; Clarification of Controls on Medical Products Containing Certain Toxins on the Australia Group (AG) Common Control Lists; Additions to the List of States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)" (RIN0694-AD62) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7462. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorization to Appoint Any Commerce Department Employee to be Appeals Coordinator in Certain Administrative Appeals" (RIN0694-AD78) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7463. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Final Rule; Correcting Amendment" (RIN0648-AU21) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7464. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework Adjustment 18 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AT25) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7465. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allocating Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Resources' (RIN0648-AU06) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7466. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Seasonal Closure of Chiniak Gully in the Gulf of Alaska to Trawl Fishing" (RIN0648-AU15) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7467. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement the Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Plan and Revise the Mid-Atlantic Large Mesh Gillnet Rule" (RIN0648-AR39) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

EC-7468 A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Ef-Controls" ((RIN0648-AT72)(I.D.# fort 020206C)) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

EC-7469. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Limited Access Program for Gulf Charter Vessels and Headboats" (I.D.# 021306C) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

EC-7470. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D.# 052206A) received on June 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7471. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bearing Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D.# 060706B) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D.# 060806A) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. EC-7473. A communication from the Acting

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of the Pacific Whiting Primary Season for the Shore-based Sector and the Resumption of Trip Limits" (I.D.# 101805C) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7474. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bearing Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D.# 060706C) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7475. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Severn River and College Creek, Annapolis, Maryland" (RIN1625-AA87) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7476. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone (19 Regulations)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7477. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 3 regulations): [CGD07-06-074], [CGD07-06-073], [CGD05-06-047]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7478. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of a draft bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the prices of pharmaceuticals procured by the Federal Bureau of Prisons; to the Committee on the Judiciary

EC-7479. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Add Denmark to the List of Regions Free of Exotic Newcastle Disease" (Doc. No. 02-089-3) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,

EC-7480. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Approval of Warehouses for Storage of CCC Commodities" (RIN0560-AE50) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7481. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Specialty Occupations and as Fashion Models; Labor Attestations Regarding H-1B1 Visas'' (RIN1205-AB38) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7482. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,

EC-7483. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting) of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Thailand; to the Committee on Banking, Hous-

ing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7484. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting) of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Angola; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7485. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's statement on the system of internal controls: to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-7486. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits), Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Guidance on the Application of Section 409A to Accelerated Payments to Satisfy Federal Conflict of Interest Requirements' (Notice 2006-64) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on

EC-7487. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits), Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Issue Resolution Regarding the Work Opportunity and Welfare-to-Work Tax Credits" (Announcement 2006-49) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7488. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits), Internal Revenue Service. Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Calculation of the Amount Involved on Elective Deferrals' (Rev. Rul. 2006-38) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7489. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Medicare Program; Revision of the Deadline for Submission of Emergency Graduate Medical Education Affiliation Agreements' (RIN0938-AO35) received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7490. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Designation Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

-7491. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 Annual Report to the Congress on United Nations Peacekeeping; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7492. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (P.L. 107-243) and the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (P.L. 102-1) for the April 15, 2006 through June 15, 2006 reporting period; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany S. 3524, An original bill to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve health care provided to Indians under the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109–278).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2832. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 109–279).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

- * Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2011.
- * Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mrs. Feinstein):

S. 3639. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to provide standards and procedures for the review of water reclamation and reuse projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3640. A bill to require the United States Court of International Trade to consider certain civil actions that were delayed because of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3641. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain woven fabrics of cotton, containing less than 85 percent by weight of cotton; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3642. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on knitted or crocheted fabrics of cotton, printed; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3643. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain woven fabrics of cotton, con-

taining less than 85 percent by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibers, weighing not more than 200 $\rm g/m^2$; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3644. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on weft pile fabrics of cotton, other than uncut weft pile fabrics or cut corduroy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3645. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain artificial filament single yarn (other than sewing thread); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3646. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 3647. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive the monthly beneficiary premium under a prescription drug plan or an MA-PD plan during months in which an individual enrolled in such a plan has a gap in prescription drug coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 3648. A bill to compromise and settle all claims in the case of Pueblo of Isleta v. United States, to restore, improve, and develop the valuable on-reservation land and natural resources of the Pueblo, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 3649. A bill to expedite the consideration of permits for refineries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Clinton, and Mr. Akaka):

S. 3650. A bill to include costs incurred by the Indian Health Service, a Federally qualified health center, an AIDS drug assistance program, certain hospitals, or a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program in providing prescription drugs toward the annual out of pocket threshold under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act and to provide a safe harbor for assistance provided under a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. Biden, Mr. Frist, Mr. Reid, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Allen, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Obama, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Cornyn, Ms. Collins, Mr. Chafee, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Brownback, and Mr. Sununu):

S. Res. 527. A resolution condemning in the strongest terms the July 11, 2006, terrorist attacks in India and expressing sympathy

and support for the families of the deceased victims and wounded as well as steadfast support to the Government of India as it seeks to reassure and protect the people of India and to bring the perpetrators of this despicable act of terrorism to justice; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Con. Res. 108. A concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised edition of a pocket version of the United States Constitution and other publications; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 8

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 8, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 342

At the request of Mr. McCain, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. Clinton) was added as a cosponsor of S. 342, a bill to provide for a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change, to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 463

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to deauthorize the project for navigation, Northeast Harbor, Maine.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey